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**J. Hanak et al.**

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action dated November 28, 2001. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is included herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows. A Version with Markings to Show Changes Made is attached hereto.